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# Democratic Party icon under fire

For Debbie Wasserman Schultz, dream job as leader turned into a relentless nightmare

**BY ANTHONY MAN**  
Staff writer

Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz's time leading the Democratic National Committee is looking less like the opportunity of a lifetime — and more like an albatross.

■ She's been cast as a central villain in a new book in which her successor as party chairwoman, Donna Brazile, attempts to shift much of the blame for Democratic election losses to others.

■ She was questioned this year about party funding of opposition research about Donald Trump that ended up in a

controversial dossier claiming ties between the Republican presidential candidate and Russia. She told the Senate Intelligence Committee staff that she knew nothing about DNC funding for the dossier.

■ On the eve of the party's 2016 presidential convention, she was forced to resign from the post after hacked emails revealed party staffers had favored Hillary Clinton over Bernie Sanders during the primaries.

■ Political opponents from the left and right continue to use her time at the national party as fodder for their attempts to oust her from the from the

congressional seat she first won in 2004.

"She would have been better off not taking that position," said Marty Ireland, a longtime Democratic Party activist. Ireland is a Wasserman Schultz loyalist — "she's my congresswoman and I believe in her" — but said the long-lasting political hangover is painful to watch.

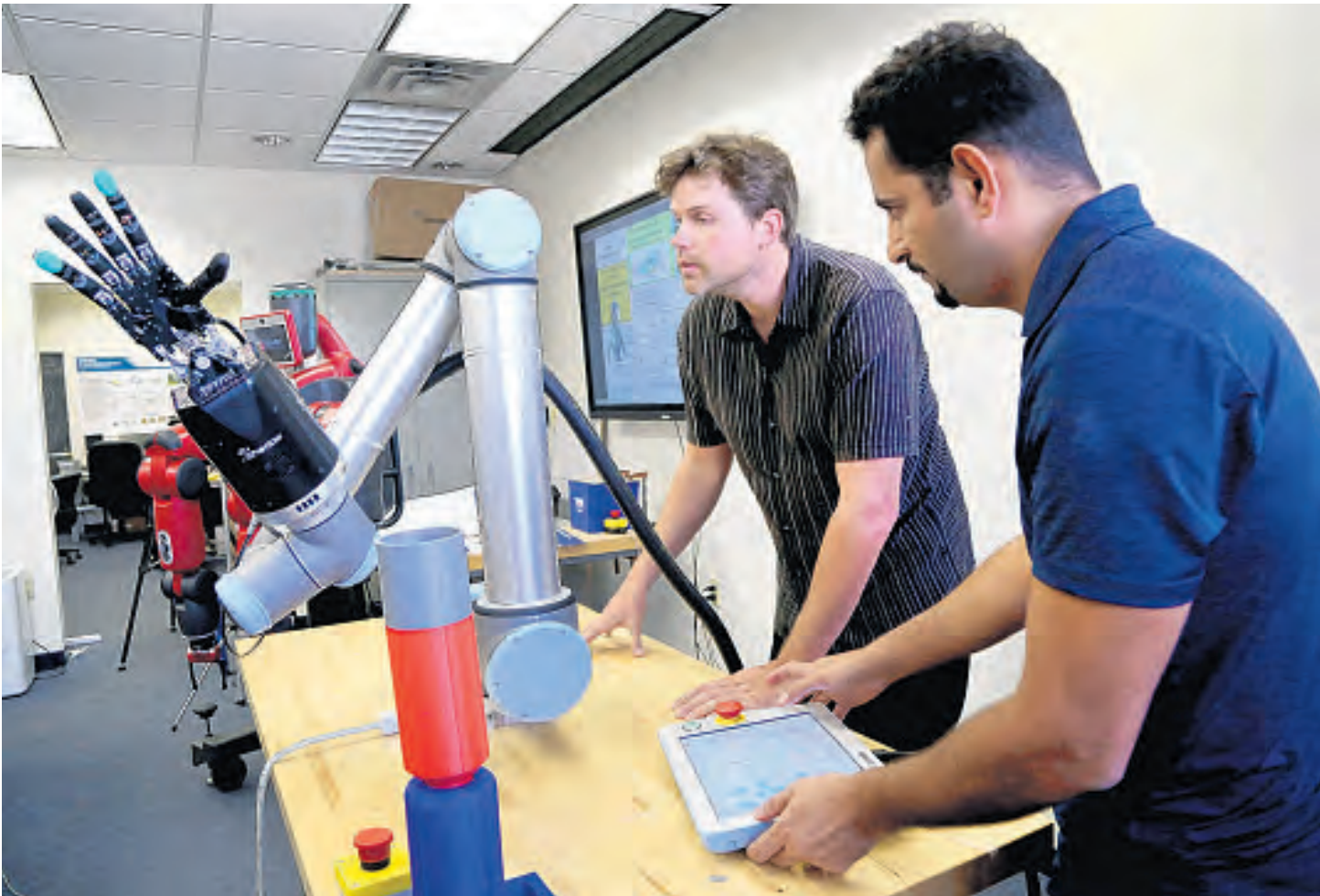
When President Barack Obama picked the Broward/Miami-Dade County congresswoman to take over the party, it seemed like it might be a stepping stone that could lead to higher



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U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz has critics in both parties, though others say she's a scapegoat.

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Erik Engeberg, an FAU associate professor of mechanical engineering, and his student Moaed Abd test a robotic prosthetic hand.

## PROSTHETICS WITH A SENSE OF TOUCH

*FAU researchers use mouse cells to develop artificial limbs with ability to feel*

**BY LOIS K. SOLOMON**  
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It sounds like an idea from the 22nd century: A robotic hand for amputees, with its own nervous system grown from mouse cells.

But Florida Atlantic University engineers are developing these computerized prostheses right now in a lab in Boca Raton.

"We are working on how to convey an improved sense of touch," said Erik Engeberg,

the FAU researcher leading the project. "The goal is to give back to amputees fine movements and dexterity and convey to them different kinds of temperature and touch sensations, such as a light touch, a fast touch and a vibrational touch."

The research project, fueled by a \$1.3 million grant from the National Institutes of Health, is also working to restore the sensation of pres-

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### Player's 28 rejections, no defeat

Talk about a lesson in perseverance: St. Thomas Aquinas graduate (and former substitute teacher) Michael Palardy will face off against the Miami Dolphins tonight as a Carolina Panther — after trying out for 28 teams. **Dave Hyde column and full coverage, 1C and 5C**

### Ex-intel chiefs blast Trump

**BY LAURA KING**  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Two former senior intelligence officials Sunday offered an extraordinary critique of President Trump's mode of dealing with foreign leaders, portraying the president as cowed by Russia's Vladimir Putin and overly susceptible to flattery by rivals likely seeking to manipulate him.

The broadsides by ex-CIA Director John Brennan and former director of national intelligence James Clapper followed months of tension between the White House and the intelligence community over the president's reluctance to publicly accept intelligence assessments that Russia sought to sway the

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